(i) It provides for an enabling regulatory environment for HITS operators.

(ii) HITS services are allowed in both 4C-Band' and 'Ku-Band'.

(iii) HITS operators can uplink from Indian soil only and will have to install SMS and encryption system.

(iv) They are not permitted to provide signals directly to the subscribers. However, if HITS operator is also MSO/Cable Operator, he can do so through his distribution network.

(v) Total direct and indirect foreign investment including FDI is allowed upto 74%. Prior FIPB will be required if the FDI is beyond 49%.

(vi) The cross media holding restriction of 20% of total paid up equity has been prescribed for various segment of broadcasting services. These restrictions have been provided to avoid vertical & horizontal integration and to promote competition.

(vii) There is no restriction on number of permissions.

(viii) Existing permission holders of HITS will have to comply and migrate to new policy regime within three months failing which their permission shall be cancelled.

(ix) Sufficient provisions exist under the guidelines for monitoring of content, inspection and national security related issues etc. The detailed guidelines are available on the Ministry's website www.mib.nic.in.

Telecast of Doordarshan Channels

2685. SHRI N. R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cable and Direct to Home (DTH) operators are either not telecasting Doordarshan channels or while telecasting the quality of telecast is poor and unsatisfactory;

(b) if so, the details thereof and corrective steps taken in this regard;

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to regulate cable and DTH subscription rates in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI CHOUDHURY MOHAN JATUA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Such instances have come to the notice of the Government. As per Section 8 of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and Article 7.8 of the license agreement for DTH service, the cable operators and DTH service providers are mandated to carry compulsorily Parliament Channels and Doordarshan Channels in the manner specified and notified by the Government and Prasar Bharati respectively. Keeping in view the

complaints received about non-carriage of these channels, the Government has issued instructions from time to time, latest being on 8.12.2009 to States /UTs for ensuring compliance through authorized officers (DM or SDM or Commissioner of Police) who are responsible for enforcement of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995. Instructions have also been issued on 14.10.2009 to all DTH service providers in this regard.

(c) and (d) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) regulates the subscription rates in broadcasting and cable services. TRAI has notified tariff orders for cable television services for conditional access system (CAS) areas and Non-CAS areas in the country. These tariff orders have been amended from time to time. The tariff order for CAS notified areas provides a ceiling of Rs.82/- (excluding taxes) per month for a minimum of 30 free to air channels and a ceiling of Rs.5.35/- (excluding taxes) per pay channel per subscriber per month at subscriber level in CAS notified areas. The tariff order for non-CAS areas provides ceiling at subscriber level tariff, based on habitation and number of pay channels provided to subscribers. However TRAI is currently carrying out a de-novo tariff exercise for cable TV services in non-CAS areas as per the Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 13th May 2009. The details of these tariff orders are available at the website (www.trai.gov.in) of TRAI.

As on date, TRAI has not prescribed subscription rates for DTH service. However, TRAI has issued a consultation paper on DTH issues relating to Tariff Regulation & new services under referene' on 6.3.2009 in which tariff at subscriber end is also one of the issue.

Censoring of a film

2686. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a film titled "when the State declares war on the people" was screened in Press Club;

(b) whether it is also being said that this is against the so called 'Green Hunt' campaign which is being run by the Centre and State Government to fight against Maoist violence;

(c) whether it was necessary to censor this film; and

(d) whether permission has to be taken before screening of such films?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI CHOUDHURY MOHAN JATUA): (a) Screening of such a film in a Press Club is not in the notice of this Ministry.

(b) This Ministry is not aware of such a campaign.

(c) and (d) A film meant for public viewing needs certification by the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) or an exemption order from this Ministry." The film in question has not been certified by CBFC nor any Press Club has approached this Ministry for obtaining exemption from certification for screening of the said film.